

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting South Dakota's congressional delegation to work to maintain the automated flight service station in Huron as staffed by federal air traffic control flight service specialists.

WHEREAS, the closing of the Huron Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) would leave the State of South Dakota without any flight services based in our state; and

WHEREAS, a key function of the Huron AFSS is to provide weather briefings, and according to the National Transportation Safety Board, six hundred ninety-seven fatal flight accidents in the United States between 1995 and 2000 were weather related; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Huron AFSS would negatively impact pilots and passengers by forcing pilots to rely on information from individuals not familiar with the geography and the rapidly changing and diverse weather that routinely occurs throughout South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this large state depend on the safety of air service for personal, commercial, business, and access to medical care; and

WHEREAS, the specialists at the flight service are trained in air emergencies, NOTAM information, initiation of search and rescue, flight planning, and weather; and

WHEREAS, as South Dakota citizens, the specialists at the flight service are intimately familiar with the vast array of small towns, air strips, and diverse geography throughout South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the specialists at the flight service are an integral component of the South Dakota homeland security plan; and

WHEREAS, the community of Huron will be greatly impacted by the loss of thirty federal employees:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature requests our congressional delegation to support the maintenance of the Huron Automated Flight Service as currently staffed.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 05, 2004  
February 07, 2004

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Speaker of the House

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